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## Clarkson Ambler Acquitted of Charge of Arson By Judge Taylor

A trial of considerable interest to the people of the Irma district was held in the court chambers on Monday of this week. It was the case of Clarkson Ambler of Irma, charged with arson having been alleged to have set a hay stack on fire. The fire occurred on the night of January 21st, on Mr. Freeman's place, about eight miles north of Irma. The preliminary hearing was held in Irma on the third of February and Clarkson Ambler was committed for trial.

Judge Taylor heard the case and W. M. Corbett of Fort Saskatchewan handled the prosecution and H. H. Robertson and W. E. Simpson for the defense. A large number of witnesses were on hand, those for the crown being Mrs. Baker, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Elliott, Mr. Wirth, Mr. Spratt, Mr. Myers, Detective Boyer, and Constable Rawson of Viking. Alvin Ambler and L. Salmon were not called but were on hand.

The defense had nineteen witnesses but none were called to give evidence.

Robert McInroy on the stand stated that he was the violinist at the dance and had arrived at Prince's at between 9:30 and 10 o'clock and that Alvin Ambler arrived after Clarkson. He remembered when Mrs. Baker gave the alarm of the fire and in talking with the accused he said that he was not interested. He had left home ten minutes after 9 went one mile and a half to the dance, and arrived at 9:30. Mrs. Baker arrived some time after one o'clock when the alarm was given. He said that Clarkson was the only man that was wearing schappa, but possibly others might of.

The cross examination was short and was mostly about the accuracy of the witnesses' watch and the time he arrived. Constable Rawson, of the provincial police appeared and was sworn and gave evidence that he was notified of the crime while at Viking on Jan. 22nd, and immediately went to Irma and drove out to the place with a team. The weather was fine and had been for several days, no snow falling. He found that the hay stack had been about two-thirds burned, and suggested that as the hay was damp the fire starting might have smoldered for some time before breaking out. He saw footprints leading to the stack and followed them going in and out, and saw that they led to a place where a horse had been tied. The footprints led past D. Ambler's on the road to Printer's. He had measured the footprints and had also made a drawing of the location of the stack and the distances to various points. The footprints corresponded to those of the accused and heel showed three holes had left raised marks. Around each footprint a half circle was noticed, suggesting them to be produced by schappa. After examining the locality he went to the home of the accused and instructed him to wear the same apparel as he had at the dance, and accompany him to the scene of the fire. The accused was then told to walk along side of the tracks and they corresponded to them exactly except for the length of the stride and the marks of the schappa. The accused told the witness that he had left D. Ambler's place at between 9:30

and 7 o'clock and had arrived at the dance at 9:40 going straight to the dance, the distance being only three and a half miles.

Certain questions asked by the defense were refused to be answered and a little legal tilt took place, the defense asking for a ruling of the court and the constable sustained.

The crown's witness was able to show evidence sufficiently strong enough to lead to the belief that the stack had been set on fire by some person, but was unable to prove the guilt of the accused.

At the adjourned sittings next morning the remaining witnesses for the Crown were examined and the Crown counsel stated his case.

The defense then argued for non-suit in absence of sufficient evidence to convict and the court granted it. The prisoner was then discharged.

The judge in acquitting the prisoner, stated that while there was not sufficient evidence to convict, there was no doubt that the fire had been started by some person or persons, and issued a warning that the frequency in which crimes had been committed in that section of the country must stop, and any one convicted of any crime would be severely dealt with.

## PROTEST AGAINST DAYLIGHT SAVING

Winnipeg, April 1.—Strongly protesting against the adoption by the railways of daylight saving, the Canadian Council of Agriculture, in session here, unanimously adopted a new resolution calling upon their representatives in parliament to have the government take steps to compel the railway war board to rescind its order in accordance with the declared desires of the great majority of the people of Canada. This resolution was telegraphed to Sir Thomas White acting premier.

Three sessions of the council were held at which the best method of taking political action was discussed, following the presentation of a memorandum by J. B. Musselman of Saskatchewan. No conclusion was reached on the matter. H. W. Wood of Alberta presided at the sessions.

Another resolution, adopted by the council urges the Dominion government to hold in perpetuity the oil deposits of Alberta and other parts of Canada and that the government undertake the cost of development of these great resources for the benefit of the consuming public.

## Official Visit of Archdeacon To Gilt Edge, Silgo, and Edgerton

Divine Services will be held on Sunday, April 6th as follows: Gilt Edge Orange Hall, 11 a.m. Silgo School 3 o'clock; Edgerton, Gorton Hall, 8 o'clock. A congregational meeting of general interest will be held in Gorton's Hall, Edgerton, on Monday, April 7th at 8 o'clock with address by the Archdeacon. A joint vestry meeting is arranged for 1:30 p.m. in Edgerton on the same day.

## BOYS IN SIBERIA TO BE RETURNED HOME

OTTAWA, March 31.—In the house today in reply to a question by Mr. Lapointe, of Kamouraska, Minister of Militia Mewburn said that arrangements had been made for the return of the Siberian expedition. The date is being kept secret on the request of the British government.

## LOOK! BOYS AND GIRLS

The Wainwright Star will donate four prizes to boys or girls of public school age, who will send us a short essay on the habits, etc., of the first migratory bird you notice this spring. To the first one in each of the four districts, Wainwright, Greenshields, Heath Gilt Edge, who will send the best story we will give a War Savings Thrift book, and start you off with one stamp, and will also put on the last stamp. Prizes will be decided on the following points: 25 per cent for seeing the first bird, give date, and time; 25 per cent for composition and 50 per cent for best and truest description of bird.

## WAINWRIGHT STOCK CAPTURES GRAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

Judging of the bulls Wednesday at Edmonton Spring Show brought out some nice animals and some that will show the bidding up pretty well when the sale starts. Prof. A. A. Dowell of the University was the judge. Although there were few outstanding bulls, they were mostly good useful animals. In the Aberdeen Angus, H. E. Mabey of Wainwright took the championship with an aged bull "Idelwies of Gwennawr," A. E. and E. S. Clemens, Wainwright took reserve with calf just a year old and quite an outstanding animal. The Mabey bull is of imported parentage bred by J. D. Larkin of Ontario while the reserve calf is one of Mr. Clemens own raising.

## LACROSSE PLAYERS TAKE NOTICE OF THIS

A meeting of those interested in lacrosse will be held in the Star office next Tuesday. Lacrosse is being taken up by other towns along the line and as we have a number of old players here, there should be no question of its success.

## FLU STOPS HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

Owing to five members of the Montreal hockey club being down with the flu in Seattle, the finals between Seattle and the easterners will not be played this year.

## CAR LICENSE FORMS HANDLED BY A. P. P.

Car owners can secure application forms for getting a license from Constable Holtsbaum or Wm. Gano, or at the Star office. The application will have to be forwarded to Edmonton.

On Saturday April 5th in the store adjoining Fraser's on 2nd avenue the ladies of the Women's Institute are having a sale of home cooking and serving dinner from 12 o'clock until two, also light lunch served during the balance of the afternoon. Come and enjoy a good meal.

## REGULAR MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL

The regular meeting of the town council was held in the council chambers with Mayor Kenny and Councillors S. D. Mills, H. W. McLeod, E. L. Cork, A. E. Mills and Q. J. Elder present.

A letter was received from Mr. Blair, M.P. re gas rights of the park, and it was moved that the letter be filed and Mr. Blair be asked to ascertain just what standing the town would have in case oil or gas were found on their lease they hold on the park property.

A letter was received from the Department of Municipal Affairs replying to the query as to whether the town had the right under the present town act to impose a fine on owners of dogs, cattle and horses in connection with allowing them to run at large. The attorney general's department agreed that the town had this power and could impose a fine if they so desired.

Councillor Elder then introduced a motion that at next meeting he would introduce a motion amending the Pound By-law to include the above suggestion, and make it lawful to fine the owners of animals which have been allowed to run at large.

The Public Works Committee reported on the condition of various portions of the streets in connection with draining the water and repairing of sidewalks.

## POLICE COURT TRIES ALLEGED POKE MANIPULATORS

Courts, lawyers and policemen were the fashion this week. On Monday the trial of Clarkson Ambler took place before Judge Taylor and on Tuesday Magistrate Dawson was in the limelight.

Information was laid by Constable Holtsbaum against an Irma man and a local man the former for frequenting and playing cards in a gaming house and the latter for keeping such a house.

Police court was held in the barracks on Tuesday afternoon and a big crowd was present to see the proceedings. The witnesses for the prosecution were Constable Rawson of Viking, Detective Boyer and Constable Holtsbaum. The evidence was all about the same and it was sworn that the witnesses were in the old barroom of the Wainwright Hotel and did see a game of Stud poker being played in which money was passing. The police only recognized one man among the crowd, the unfortunate one being an Irma man.

The two men were represented in court by H. V. Fieldhouse who argued the case. One peculiarity was that in the evidence in the local man's case his name was never mentioned and personally there had never been any charge proven against him. However the magistrate after deliberation thought some due ought to be fined, and imposed a fine of \$5.00 and costs each, after which the counsel promptly stated that the decision would be appealed.

## AUCTION SALE

An auction sale will be held at N.E. 36-47-4, 18 miles north of Wainwright, of horses, implements, cattle, chickens and household goods. Howard Arthur is the owner and S. R. Bowerman the auctioneer.

## RECEPTION IN HONOR OF NEW PASTOR

The Ladies-Aid of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church will hold a reception in the church on Wednesday evening, April 9th, at 8 o'clock to welcome Rev. J. B. Thompson, Mrs. Thompson and family.

All members and adherents are cordially invited to be present.

## A NEW PUBLICATION

The Industrial and Colonization Department of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway has recently published a new edition of an agricultural booklet entitled "Plateau and Valley Lands" of Central British Columbia, which in a very attractive manner describes that portion of British Columbia traversed by the G.T.P. This booklet contains many fine illustrations and a complete map of the vast areas of plateaus and valleys in that portion of the Province where homesteads are still available and where the very best mixed farming lands may be purchased on extremely easy terms. Copies may be had free from any of the Company's Agents.

## WAR SAVINGS STAMP COMMITTEE STARTED BY CAPTAIN BIGG

This week Capt. Bigg of Edmonton, organizer for the War Savings Stamps campaign was in town and organized a committee to handle this district.

The convener is Mr. Priestly, and E. E. Chandler secretary. The following are members of the executive, each one being head of their respective committees:

Mayor Kenny—rural schools W. W. Yeager—Grand Trunk men.

R. H. Watson rural churches Mrs. Bowerman, women's societies and organizations. V. E. Graham, town schools. M. Greer, town churches. W. E. Zinkun, town societies and organizations.

Wainwright, according to Capt. Bigg has made the proud record of selling more Savings Stamps than any other town in Northern Alberta, something over \$600 worth having been sold here. With the organization of a committee to push the sale of these thrift stamps a great increase in sale will undoubtedly take place.

## REPRATRIATED WAR PRISONER RETURNS

Trooper Charlie Horn, returned home this week from overseas. He was with the 1st C. M. R.'s and was taken prisoner of war during the early days of the war, and has spent several years in German prisoners of war camps.

He was captured at Ypres in 1916 and had remained a prisoner until just recently.

## THE TIME

What time is it? What do you want, slow or fast time? That is the question nowadays.

Starting from the first of April the railways put their clocks one hour behind, and now anyone who has anything to do with train service must do the same, consequently you never can tell just where you are at.

The eastbound train arrives now at 12:05 ordinary common-sense time, and 1:05 on the fast schedule, and the west-bound at 4:35 Greenwich time, or 5:35 G. T. P.

## Unity Hockey Aggregation Captures Dawson Cup in Easy Victory

The Dawson Cup symbolic of hockey supremacy along the G.T.P. and other lines in North Alberta, no longer reposes peacefully in Wainwright, where it has resided for many moons, for Unity came up in full force and with the avowed purpose of taking the cup and as they were so emphatic about it we let them have it. The said event taking place on Monday evening last.

The ice was not what you would call in first class shape but was good as could be expected when the water was running in the streets. A big crowd turned out to see the game and many visitors were there from outside points.

The winners clearly deserve their trophy as there is no doubt that they are a fine aggregation of players, all playing a consistent game throughout. They have the advantage of considerable experience this winter in playing together and have worked up a fair amount of good combination work. We do not harbor any ill feelings whatever for the loss of the cup and we will be after it hot and heavy when the ice season starts again.

The game was started by Mr. J. H. Dawson, donor of the cup, who went out on the ice and handled the puck for the first face-off, and the game was on in full force. The hopes of the

## BLACKLEG PREVALENT AMONG CATTLE OF THE PROVINCE

Considerable blackleg is prevalent among cattle of the province at the present time and the department of agriculture is sending out notices to be posted throughout the country warning the farmers and telling them of the symptoms, etc.

The disease is described as a germ disease of the most pronounced type the bacteria causing the trouble enter the body of the animal through abrasions of the skin but perhaps more commonly through the mucous membrane of the intestinal tract, the infection being conveyed by contaminated feed or drinking water. The symptoms of the disease are quite characteristic and pronounced and diagnosis is rather easy. The cattle lose their appetite and become listless, they also develop lameness. When an animal with blackleg moves it moves stiffly and lies down frequently. Swellings develop on the body rather suddenly, they usually come about the thighs, neck, shoulders along the back and one the side of the chest. These swellings are caused by the accumulation of gas under the skin. When the swellings are pressed a crackling sound results like the sound occurring in the crushing of parchment.

The only reliable preventive agent is vaccination with blackleg vaccine.

This is injected beneath the skin and the vaccine is administered usually behind the shoulder or on the side of the neck.

P. W. Livingstone, formerly of town, and a member of the 49th battalion, paid a visit to Wainwright on Monday. He returned the next day.

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home fans ran high when Wainwright scored the first goal during the first minute or two of the play, but they were false hopes as it proved to be the only goal. Wright saved many a shot for the locals and Cork on defence made more than one skillful stop and has an arm and reach like a six footer. His partner Stark having stone made a good many rushes down the ice but couldn't retain the puck on account of the heavy ice.

Unity boys played a good fast, consistent game throughout, their forward line being always on the job and McCaskel and Miller as rover and centre could easily be classed in the professional category. Miller made the majority of goals and his speed kept the locals on the jump when he came down the ice.

The game was free from roughness and outside of an occasional ducking in the water around the edges of the ice no one was seriously hurt in any way.

The final score was six to one in favor of Unity.

Three line ups was as follows:

Wainwright	Unity
Wright goal	McCallum
Cork Point	Leith
Livingstone Cover	Tovey
D. Elder Rover	McCaskel
Greer Centre	Miller
O. J. Elder Left	Yost
Bergeson Right	Barlow
Referee—Davey Dawson	
Judge of Play—N. A. MacMureh, Unity.	

Goal Umpires—J. Brown and Wm. Rutledge.  
Time Keepers—G. C. Siddall and R. Schwahn.

First period—Wainwright 1  
Second period—Unity 3  
Third period—Unity 2.

## REMINDER FROM RED CROSS HEADQUARTERS

Following is a letter received by the Local Red Cross branch from the headquarters for the province.

"We have been advised from various parts of the province, that influenza is again spreading. We would like to remind you that Local Red Cross Branches are expected to do everything possible in the way of assistance in this emergency. We would be glad if you would let it be known in your community that pneumonia jackets and other necessary supplies may be had by application to the Red Cross.

If your branch has not sufficient supplies on hand to meet demands, these may be obtained direct from the Provincial Depot at the shortest possible notice.

The first trainload of American farmers trekking to Western Canada has passed the border. Whether the war veterans like it or not, the American invasion is assured for this year. However, the veterans need not worry. Most of these new arrivals from Uncle Sam's domain have the cash with them and are buying land too high-priced for the average soldier farmer to consider as a possibility.—Calgary Herald.

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